

In the Claims:

Claim 1 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): A device for the separation of a component of a specimen comprising ~~a tip having an affinity reagent presented within the tip~~:

at least one of an antibody or antigen immobilized to a solid substrate to form an affinity reagent for binding a component of a specimen; and  
a pipette tip having a filter element contained therein for retaining said affinity reagent and component thereon after binding.

Claim 2 (CANCELLED)

Claim 3 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The device of claim 48 1 wherein the pipette tip is a micropipette.

Claim 4 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The device of claim 49 1 wherein ~~the tip is a micropipette the filter element is of sufficient size and volume to prevent said solid substrate from passing therethrough.~~

Claim 5 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The device of claim 49 1 wherein the filter element is securely fixed to the tip.

Claim 6 (CANCELLED)

Claim 7 (CURRENTLY AMENDED): The device of claim 49 1 wherein the filter element is removably fixed within the tip.

Claim 8 (CANCELLED)